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## Additional Testimonials

IN FAVOUR OF

DR. A. MACALISTER.

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I.—*From J. EMERSON REYNOLDS, M.D., Dublin (honoris causâ), F.C.S., Professor of Chemistry, University of Dublin; formerly Professor of Chemistry, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.*

TRINITY COLLEGE, July 9, 1877.

I have much pleasure in testifying that PROFESSOR MACALISTER'S eminence as an Anatomist and Zoologist is not greater than his skill and success as a Teacher. As a Lecturer he is singularly clear in statement, happy in illustration, and fluent in delivery. His long experience as Demonstrator of Human Anatomy in the two chief Medical Schools of this city, combined with his rare ability and tact, render him peculiarly skilful in directing and aiding Students in their Dissections; and many who have attended his Classes in the University and the College of Surgeons' School have expressed to me, in strong terms, their admiration for DR. MACALISTER as a Demonstrator.

Although wishing DR. MACALISTER success in his candidature for the Chair of Anatomy in the University of Glasgow, I would deeply regret to lose so distinguished and popular a colleague in the Medical School of Trinity College.

J. EMERSON REYNOLDS, M.D.

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11.—*From* THOMAS EVELYN LITTLE, M. D., Dublin, *University Anatomist, Trinity College, Dublin.*

42, BRUNSWICK-STREET, DUBLIN,

*July 9, 1877.*

PROFESSOR ALEXANDER MACALISTER has asked me to bear what testimony I can as to his capabilities as a Lecturer and Teacher in Anatomy.

Having acted with him for some years as one of his colleagues in the work of the Teaching of Anatomy in the Dublin School of Physic, I have had ample opportunities of forming an opinion on the question, and I believe that there are few men who have earned or deserve a higher reputation in both of these capacities.

As a Lecturer, I know him to be pre-eminently clear, fluent and instructive—his language perspicuous, his style attractive, and his arrangement of his subject-matter always logical and easy of following.

Of his success as a Teacher, it would be impossible for me to speak in too high terms, having—as I have from an intimate familiarity of years with the Classes of Students taught by him—the evidences of that success constantly before my eyes.

I believe, moreover, that DR. MACALISTER is endowed in a rare and exceptional degree with that valuable and much-to-be-envied gift in a Teacher—the power of infusing into the minds of his Pupils much of that ardour and love for his subject which he himself so eminently possesses, and which, by putting the Teacher *en rapport* with the Learner, is one of the surest roads to tutorial success.

THOMAS EVELYN LITTLE, M.D.

III.—*From* ROBERT BALL, LL.D., F.R.S., *Astronomer Royal for Ireland; Professor of Astronomy, University of Dublin.*

THE OBSERVATORY, DUNSINK,  
*July 11, 1877.*

I have frequently enjoyed the pleasure of hearing DR. MACALISTER lecture at the Royal Dublin Society, and I consider him to be a most excellent Lecturer. He is clear and fluent, and possesses the power of interesting and attracting his audience in a very unusual degree.

ROBERT S. BALL, LL.D., F.R.S.

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IV.—*From* EDWARD PERCEVAL WRIGHT, M.D., F.L.S., F.Z.S., *Professor of Botany, University of Dublin.*

TRINITY COLLEGE, *July 11, 1877.*

MY DEAR MACALISTER,

Your position as a Human and Comparative Anatomist would not be raised a hair's breadth by any attestation of mine, but I may be, all the while, allowed to bear my willing witness to your capacities as a Teacher and a Lecturer.

As your colleague in this University, I teach almost the same set of Students as you do, and from them I learn, and have often learnt, of the great trouble you take in your Demonstrations with them. I believe you could have no better judges; and, relying on their judgment, I conclude that it would be hard to find a better Anatomist or a better Teacher of Anatomy than yourself.

We can ill afford to lose you here; but even so, and though I hear that an older friend and a brilliant Anatomist is a Candidate for the post you are now looking for, I wish you success.

Yours truly,

EDWARD PERCEVAL WRIGHT.

V. — *From* W. E. STEELE, M.D., Dubl., F.K.Q.C.P.;  
*Medical Registrar for Ireland; Registrar, Royal Dublin Society.*

ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY,  
KILDARE-STREET, DUBLIN,  
*July 11, 1877.*

I have much pleasure in adding my humble testimony to the high estimation in which DR. MACALISTER'S qualifications are held by scientific men, and of his peculiar fitness for the office of Professor of Anatomy in a University.

His great attainments as an Anatomist, both Human and Comparative, are so well known, that it is unnecessary for me to refer to them; but having had frequent opportunities of hearing DR. MACALISTER lecture, I can testify to the great facilities he possesses as a speaker, and the remarkable freedom and clearness of his demonstrations.

I may add that it is in consequence of his skill in lecturing, combined with a thorough mastery of his subject, that he has been several times invited to take part in the delivery of the annual series of "Afternoon Scientific Lectures" organized by the Royal Dublin Society.

WILLIAM EDWARD STEELE, M.D. (Dubl.).

VI. — *From* EDWARD BURROUGHS SINCLAIR, M. D.,  
F.K.Q.C.P.I., *King's Professor of Midwifery, Trinity*  
*College, Dublin.*

45, UPPER SACKVILLE-STREET, DUBLIN,

July 11, 1877.

MY DEAR MACALISTER,

I deeply regret that it appears probable we shall lose your services in the School of Medicine, Trinity College, and I am certain that all your brother Professors feel as I do.

Putting friendship out of the question, your removal from amongst us will be a public loss, a loss irreparable; yet, should you obtain the appointment you are seeking, however we may regret the former, we must feel pleased and proud of the latter.

Your transcendent knowledge of Anatomy in its widest signification, your wonderful power of imparting that knowledge to your Pupils at the Dissecting-Room table, and your lucid and fluent discourses in the Anatomical Theatre, will be remembered long by those you leave.

Wishing you success, and every happiness to you and yours,

Believe to me,

My dear MACALISTER,

Yours most truly,

EDWARD B. SINCLAIR.

VII.—*From* WILLIAM STOKES, M. D., F.R.S., *Regius Professor of Physic, University of Dublin.*

CARRIG BREAC, HOWTH,

July 17, 1877.

I beg to say that I know few persons in the Medical Schools of London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, or Dublin, more

highly qualified to fill a Chair of Anatomy, either Human or Comparative, than DR. MACALISTER. To this Science he has long been earnestly and most successfully devoted.

He is also a most eminent Teacher and distinguished writer. Indeed, I do not know of anyone better calculated to prove a worthy successor of DR. ALLEN THOMSON, or to fill the office in the University of Glasgow, not only with credit to himself, but with advantage to the Science as well as to the character of the Institution itself.

WILLIAM STOKES.

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